

that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following titles:

S. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation should issue a clear and unambiguous statement of admission and condemnation of the illegal occupation and annexation by the Soviet Union from 1940 to 1991 of the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the One Hundred Ninth Congress:

the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS).

the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI).

the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING).

the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN).

TRIBUTE TO DR. BETTY SIEGEL

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Dr. Betty Siegel, president of Kennesaw State University in Georgia. After 25 years of service to the University, Dr. Siegel will be retiring at the end of the year, and what an amazing 25 years it has been for her and for the students of Kennesaw State.

Back in 1981, Betty Siegel made headlines and chose the path less traveled when she became the first woman ever to serve as president in the 34-school university system of Georgia. Today, she makes headlines for all she has accomplished.

Under her leadership, KSU has grown tremendously, from a 4,000-student college offering 15 bachelor's degree programs and no graduate programs to today, with 18,000 students choosing from over 55 undergraduate and graduate programs.

The KSU slogan, "Dare to Dream," is epitomized by Dr. Betty Siegel in every imaginable way. Not only does she lead by example, but she instills every student with that motto.

So today I say thank you to Dr. Siegel. Thank you for daring to dream and thank you for daring to do all you have done to improve the lives of your students.

IT IS TIME FOR VOTES ON JUDICIAL NOMINEES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Senator JIM DEMINT published an excellent op-ed in The State newspaper yesterday that the Senate

has an obligation to ensure timely up-and-down votes for all nominees, regardless of who is President or which party is in power.

Ensuring that our courthouses are filled with well-qualified judges is one of the most important responsibilities of the U.S. Senate. As Senator DEMINT notes, the majority of Americans trust the Senate's judgment on judicial nominees, and it is unfair for a minority of Senators to ignore the will of the American people. If the minority's case against these nominees is so strong, they should be able to convince other Senators to oppose the nominees during a fair up-and-down vote.

This week, Majority Leader BILL FRIST will lead the Senate to vote on the constitutional option, which will restore a 200-year tradition to ensure that each nominee receives a fair vote. After years of debate on this topic, it is time for the Senate to follow the will of the American people.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11.

FISCAL LEADERSHIP

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise the President and Republicans in this Congress for working to strengthen the economy and cut unnecessary spending. This is not rocket science or advanced economics. When we leave more money in the hands of citizens, the economy thrives.

Case in point: 274,000 new jobs were created in April. We have seen steady job gains for each of the last 23 months, and more Americans are working than ever before. In addition, our Federal deficit is forecast to be \$50 billion lower than expected.

Clearly, the economy's growth is a direct result of the pro-growth agenda of the President and this Congress. By holding the line on fiscal responsibility in the budget and passing pro-growth bills such as the death tax repeal and the energy bill, Republican Members continue to show their commitment to America's economy.

The House has begun the appropriation season with Republicans working hard to display fiscal responsibility, just as we have been doing through out the session. We have reformulated the allocation process for Homeland Security funding so we can make sure these funds are not wasted and are used properly.

This Congress and this President are working hard and doing great work. Unfortunately, not enough focus is being put on the positive things happening in the world and in our country.

Let us not squander this opportunity to keep stepping in the right direction.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

STOP COUNTERFEITING IN MANUFACTURED GOODS ACT

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 32) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 32

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act".

(b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) the United States economy is losing millions of dollars in tax revenue and tens of thousands of jobs because of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of counterfeit goods;

(2) the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection estimates that counterfeiting costs the United States \$200 billion annually;

(3) counterfeit automobile parts, including brake pads, cost the auto industry alone billions of dollars in lost sales each year;

(4) counterfeit products have invaded numerous industries, including those producing auto parts, electrical appliances, medicines, tools, toys, office equipment, clothing, and many other products;

(5) ties have been established between counterfeiting and terrorist organizations that use the sale of counterfeit goods to raise and launder money;

(6) ongoing counterfeiting of manufactured goods poses a widespread threat to public health and safety; and

(7) strong domestic criminal remedies against counterfeiting will permit the United States to seek stronger anticounterfeiting provisions in bilateral and international agreements with trading partners.

SEC. 2. TRAFFICKING IN COUNTERFEIT MARKS.

Section 2320 of title 18, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by inserting after "such goods or services" the following: " , or intentionally traffics or attempts to traffic in labels, patches, stickers, wrappers, badges, emblems, medallions, charms, boxes, containers, cans, cases, hangtags, documentation, or packaging of any type or nature, knowing that a counterfeit mark has been applied thereto, the use of which is likely to cause confusion, to cause mistake, or to deceive,".

(2) Subsection (b) is amended to read as follows:

"(b)(1) The following property shall be subject to forfeiture to the United States and no property right shall exist in such property:

"(A) Any article bearing or consisting of a counterfeit mark used in committing a violation of subsection (a).

"(B) Any property used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of a violation of subsection (a).

"(2) The provisions of chapter 46 of this title relating to civil forfeitures shall extend